

# **PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING**

**March 8, 2006**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Commission members present were Chairman Kevin Bryson, Paul Hetu, Gerry Dumas, Roy Coloumbe, David Boyle, Gary Stott, Erin Vaughan. Special guest Councilman Jay O'Grady.**

**Minutes of the January meeting were accepted as corrected. Paragraph 6 corrected to read Boys AND Girls basketball instruction and Paragraph 6, line 3 to read OLD Middle School Gym. Also a list of the various parks highlighting the issues and improvement needed were added to the minutes. Motion by Chairman Bryson seconded by Paul Hetu to accept the January minutes as corrected. Motion by Roy Columbe, seconded by Paul Hetu to accept the minutes of the February meeting.**

**Also, present Sue P. Sheppard, Town Administrator and Paul Prackniak, Director of Park & Recreation.**

**Town Administrator Sheppard begins with update of Angell Road Little League Field lease. It has recently been learned from the State Property Commission that a lease cancellation clause is now required in all leases . The state would have the right to cancel the contract**

after three years. If the lease were cancelled the agreement would be prorated and they would reimburse the total investment by the Town with the Board of Educators. Approval is subject to agreement termination language then it will go to Town Council .

Camp Meehan update. Asser's map reviewed. Purchase price three million. Consists of two pieces. Open Space amount \$400,000.00 and the lower portion would be a Bond. There is a pump station at the entrance and a sewer line issue. Unsure on water and cost of both. Dosco property was offered after. The purchase price for Dosco was \$525,000.00, selling at 1.2 million.

Manville Park update. 10% Manville Park design. Possibility of Baseball field on top. There are wetlands. \$800,000.00 to level hill and remove dirt. There is an access issue. Leave Basketball Courts. Soccer group would like to call this Park home. Multiple games could be going on.

Roy Coloumbe asks if the fields would be level or 1 or 2 feet higher.

Angell Road Little League map 1=50. The Little League field will fit and not be intrusive. An easement will be needed from Narragansett Electric. Administrator recommends exercising option to lease. Request for Proposal approved but now on hold. If cost is high use for practice fields. Busing cost would be minimal.

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**Lonsdale School. Little League has no objection to have best field. Lenardo property could be cut some. Tennis courts are not used. Could park at Lenardo property allowing playground for kids. The fields could be flip-flopped. No design work done yet.**

**Roy Coloumbe suggests a request could be made to D.E.M. for exception for possible playground. It would open right up. There is amazing potential. Parking was always an issue.**

**Middle School. Enough left for lights from contingency. Paving, storage (maintenance).**

**Limeacres. Nothing yet.**

**Plans reviewed. Parking needed. Tennis Courts needed and to be moved back. The courts are used a lot. Move parking or go over and build another. Plenty of parking across the street. Roy Coloumbe suggests doing Limeacres before Lonsdale School due to Middle School excitement. Kevin Bryson says there are no wetlands. Paul Prackniak says another possibility would be a Climbing Wall in the front.**

**Roy Coloumbe says there could be parking behind the fence. Roy Coloumbe also suggests some type of flashing light system for crossing the street from Middle School. Paul Prackniak says flaggers**

**could also be used.**

**Roy Coloumbe says Lonsdale School project not that expensive**

**Chairman Bryson asks the Administrator if the Commission could see something in writing reference the \$800,000.00 proposal for leveling hill and removing fill.**

**Roy Coloumbe says Concession stand is dangerous.**

**Lonsdale pond must be kept.**

**Administrator Sheppard distributed copies of an article from Nation's Cities Weekly (11-14-05) entitled "Parks and Recreation Steps Out of the Traditional Role".**

**Erin Vaughn says she has talked to Andrew Wade regarding Women's Basketball.**

**Administrator Sheppard says every Monday Special Education has shopping and field trips. This is a great program done for older kids by Georgia Fortunato at the Middle Schools. This could also include 6, 7 & 8th grades. She is looking for ideas to go forward with this program.**

**Roy Coloumbe wants to note Women's Softball.**

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### **Commission Reports:**

**Roy Coloumbe reports Lonsdale Concession issue.**

**Chairman Bryson suggests walk through of respective parks one a month.**

**Erin Vaughan questions what is in the Concession at Albion. Is it being used for storage.**

**Saylesville – no report.**

**Fairlawn – no report.**

**Manville – no work on fence yet.**

**Quinnville – lights on at different time day and night. Kids have been using the Park.**

**Limeacres – now having practice games**

### **Old Business:**

**Angell Road Little League Field - no numbers yet.**

**RFP : Angell Road \$30,000.00, \$15,000.00 Manville Park, Limeacres \$15,000.00 for Architectural Design.**

**Chairman Bryson says John McQueen said \$400,00.00 for hill to be leveled.**

**Manville Park. Gerry Dumas and Councilman Ron McKenna had**

**special meeting with Sayles Hill Rd. abutters for complaints and beautification.**

**Councilman O'Grady has user survey done by Paul Prackniak and Commission has survey as well.**

**Chairman Bryson announces nomination of Erin Vaughan (Albion) and the renomination of Roy Coloumbe (Lonsdale).**

**Press coverage – leave on the agenda.**

**Field use permits – Leave alone.**

**Manville Park. Councilman O'Grady says this passed last month.**

**Roy Coloumbe to ask Town Planner Rinaldi for the name of Landscape Design Architect.**

**New Business: Regarding the taping of minutes of Commission meetings: Motion by Paul Hetu, seconded by Roy Coloumbe that the minutes not be recorded. Unanimously passed.**

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**Motion to adjourn by Paul Hetu, seconded by Roy Coloumbe.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.**